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SUBJ: CIVAIR: BILATERAL AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A) ACCRA 4139, B) ACCRA 4123, PARA 8 (NOTAL), C) ACCRA 3998

1. FOLLOWING IS MFA AIDE MEMOIRE SENT EMBASSY JULY 29

2. BEGIN TEXT:

A. THE GHANA GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED WITH CONCERN THE FAILURE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GHANA GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO REACH AGREEMENT ON BILATERAL AIR SERVICE AFTER THREE SUCCESSIVE ATTEMPTS.

B. THE GHANA GOVERNMENT HAS FURTHER NOTED THAT THE TALKS FAILED BECAUSE THE GHANA DELEGATION WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNSUCCESSFUL IN SECURING RECIPROCAL RIGHTS FOR GHANA

AIRWAYS CORPORATION TO OPERATE IN THE UNITED STATES
EVEN THOUGH PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS HAS BEEN
OPERATING IN GHANA SINCE 1946.

C. THE GHANA GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE MUCH APPRECIATED
RECIPROCAL LANDING RIGHTS BEING GRANTED TO GHANA
AIRWAYS JUST AS THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO AIRLINES
OF OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

D. THE GOVERNMENT HOPES FOR AN EARLY AGREEMENT WHEREBY
GHANA AIRWAYS WOULD BE GRANTED RECIPROCAL LANDING
RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE ABSENCE OF SUCH
AN AGREEMENT WOULD LEAD TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE
PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS LANDING RIGHTS IN GHANA.

END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: AIDE MEMOIRE IS STRONGER THAN ORAL PRESENTATION
BY CLELAND (REF A) IN THAT IT SAYS FLATLY THAT PAN AM LANDING RIGHTS
WOULD BE WITHDRAWN IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT GRANTING RECIPROCAL
LANDING RIGHTS IN U.S. ALTHOUGH AIDE MEMOIRE MAKES NO
MENTION OF REQUEST FOR USG STATEMENT OF RATIONALE FOR U.S.
POSITION, BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE CLELAND'S CONVERSATION
AT FACE VALUE AND SUPPLY SUCH STATEMENT TO MAKE OUR
POSITION LOOK AS RESPONSIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE AS
POSSIBLE. AS INTERIM MEASURE WE SENDING MFA NOTE SAYING
THAT JULY 29 CONVERSATION AND AIDE MEMOIRE HAVE BEEN
REPORTED TO WASHINGTON. WE BELIEVE GOG MEANS BUSINESS.
TIMING OF GOG DEMARCHE SUGGESTS IT HELD
OFF UNTIL NOW ONLY TO AVOID DISTURBING GOOD ATMOSPHERICS
OF AMBASSADOR HADSEL'S FAREWELL ROUNDS. HOWEVER, IN
THIS CONNECTION SEE REF C, WHICH REPORTED CHIEF OF STATE
AND COMMISSIONER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTS TO
AMBASSADOR ON NEED FOR CIVIL AVIATION MOA AGREEMENT IN WHICH
PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY IS FULLY RECOGNIZED. OUR
GUESS IS THAT IF GOG DOES NOT RECEIVE SATISFACTORY
RESPONSE WITHIN WEEK OR TWO, IT WILL IN FACT PROMPTLY
SUSPEND OR CURTAIL PAN AM'S TRAFFIC PRIVILEGES AT
ACCRA. IF GOG DECIDES ON CURTAILMENT, IT WILL
PROBABLY FOCUS FIRST ON JOHANNESBURG ROUTE.
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